

AN INTERESTING ANCIENT CHURCH

The Scottsville Presbyterian
Church Dates Back
to 1827.

SOME OF ITS FAMOUS PASTORS

Building Still in Fine Condition.
Scottsville Lodge of Masons
Elect Officers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., Dec. 24.—The following history of the Scottsville Presbyterian church is found among the records written in 1883 by the Rev. Thos. D. Bell, D. D., who was for eighteen years pastor of the church here, and who died in 1880.

"What is now Scottsville, church was organized at Warren, in the year 1827, but by whom does not appear. On October 18, of this year, by request of the church it was taken under the care of West Hanover Presbytery. In A. D. 1829, the name, by the authority of Presbytery, was changed from Warren to Scottsville and Scottsville church, but a few years after the former part of the name was dropped, and the organization has since been known as Scottsville church.

The organization, there were six members. The elders were John B. Hart and Samuel Harris. In A. D. 1830, Peyton Harrison, Esq., now of the Peyton Harrison, of Baltimore, was received from the Mayfield church, Buckingham, and was elected and installed a ruling elder, he having been before ordained to this office. The congregation probably first worshipped in a two-story house, then stood in the edge of the village of Warren.

The Scottsville congregation first used Concord house of worship, which stood on ground now embraced in the Presbyterian cemetery, nearly a mile from the village.

There was at this time no church building in Scottsville, and different denominations appear to have used Concord, where, tradition says, large congregations were accustomed to assemble. The present house of worship was built about the year 1852, on a lot presented to the church by Rev. Peyton Harrison, and it was the first church in Scottsville.

The first pastor or stated supply of the church was the Rev. Samuel Harris, who appears to have remained here two or three years; but of whom little is known. Rev. Wm. S. White was installed pastor, August 11, 1832, serving the church in connection with his family in Buckingham county, in the vicinity of Bolling's Landing. The same year Mr. Peter White was ordained an elder, and was for as many as twenty-five years, a pillar in the church. In A. D. 1834, Rev. Mr. White removed to Charlottesville, where he taught a female school and preached many years. He afterwards was extensively known in the church as the Rev. Dr. White, of Lexington, Va. During his pastorate the church was much increased, especially by a visit from the Rev. Daniel Baker, a well known evangelist of that day. Fifteen members were added in one year bringing up the number of communicants to fifty.

The Rev. Joseph Walker, who was afterwards a useful elder for more than thirty years, was brought into the church. The next pastor was the Rev. Samuel B. O. Wilson, who was ordained and installed June 1, 1840, and continued until A. D. 1840, when he was succeeded by the Rev. John B. Ross, who took charge of this church in connection with The Cove, Albemarle county. He appears to have remained here until the fall of the next year, the Rev. Wm. P. Hickman was engaged to serve the church as a stated supply for one year.

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In A. D. 1852, the Rev. Edward Cochran began to supply the church, and on June 6, of the next year, he was ordained and installed by West Hanover Presbytery. This relation was dissolved March, 1855.

The church then remained vacant until A. D. 1858, when James H. Fitzgerald began to preach as stated supply, giving to it the half of his time. He at the same time had charge of Mayfield church at Buckingham Courthouse, which he lived in. In A. D. 1860, he removed to Scottsville, the church having provided itself with a manse. He continued this relation of stated supply until the spring of A. D. 1860, when he accepted a call and was installed pastor. In October of the same year, however, this relation was dissolved, and Mr. Fitzgerald removed to Kentucky. The manse was presented to the church by Mr. Isaac R. Barksdale, one of the elders, and Mr. Wm. Branch, one of the communicants. It is a very suitable house, and has connected with it about twenty-five acres of land. In the spring of A. D. 1870, the Rev. John McKelway began to preach as stated supply, but after laboring about six months, his health compelled him to leave, and he lived but a short time afterwards.

About this time Howard Davis was united to Scottsville as an out-stated supply, regularly preaching to a number of persons from that neighborhood united with this church. In November, 1871, Rev. Thos. D. Bell, having been appointed evangelist at West Hanover Presbytery, moved his family to the manse, and began preaching regularly at Scottsville and Howardsville. At the present writing, A. D. 1883, this arrangement still continues.

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an unfinished stave. It was visited with a considerable revival. Rev. Messrs. Peabody, Knox and Campbell conducted the services. As a result, a large number considering the size of the congregation, united with the church, among them being five teachers of the Sabbath School. About two or three years after, came the revival under the preaching of the Rev. Dan'l Baker, already mentioned.

For a number of years past, the church has about held its own. It has now seventy-three members. The elders are Chris. Hornsey, Isaac R. Barksdale and Harry A. Keith Murray; the deacons are Jacob Luther Moon, Z. Lee Gilmer and Thos. P. Hoge.

Here the little history ends, and the life of the gentle pastor was ended a few years later. Dr. Bell was for twelve years a next-door neighbor of the writer. He was a learned man, a faithful pastor, and a beautiful Christian. About three years after his death, his wife, Mrs. Harriet B. Bell and her daughter, Mary, removed to Harrisonburg, Va., where Mrs. Bell died a few years ago, where Mrs. Bell's daughter, still lives.

Messrs. A. Gilbert Bell, of Scottsville, T. Giles Bell, of Petersburg, and the Rev. Wm. Bell, of Helena, Montana, a son by a former marriage, also survive their parents.

The Presbyterian manse was burned to the ground in February, 1901, and only the crumbling ruins remain of what was once a happy home.

Mr. Isaac R. Barksdale herein mentioned for many years a pillar in the church, was for some time superintendent of school in Albemarle county, succeeding Mr. D. P. Powers. Mr. Barksdale died in the summer of '98 and was buried in Hollywood.

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THE WEEK IN STAUNTON

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STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 24.—Invitations have been issued for the annual Christmas dinner of the Staunton Dancin' Club, which will be held at the hall of the club on Thursday evening of next week. The program will be a brilliant affair and the principal society function of the holidays.

At the Western State Hospital for the insane the "humanitary" dance given for the benefit of the better class of patients and the attendants, medical faculty and guests, took place Friday night. Elaborate preparations had been made for the occasion, and it proved to be the best that has been held for some years past, and was greatly enjoyed by the guests, dancers and a large number of spectators.

An elaborate programme for the Christmas music at Trinity Episcopal Church has been prepared, and music of Christmas day will be unusually attractive. Among the soloists are Mrs. P. V. Hargrave, of South Carolina; Capt. H. D. Dibley, of West Virginia; Mrs. R. N. Blackford, Miss Fannie Tams, Mrs. Laura McCoy, Mrs. Charles Hutcheson, Messrs. Lynn Tucker, L. H. Boyd and D. E. Dibley.

On the Christmas wedding which have occurred in this city and neighborhood during the past week are the following:

Miss Bessie Harlow and Mr. J. S. Campbell, at Greenville; Miss Mamie L. Furr and Mr. John L. Jones, which took place at this city; Miss Lillian C. Moss and Mr. O. H. Kennedy, at Greenville; Miss Gertrude L. Gromer and Mr. Luther A. Rodgers, at Staunton; Miss Annie Lickliter and Mr. J. L. Marston, at Churchville; Miss Josie Sheffer and Mr. David Sirk, at Staunton; Miss Nettie J. Pritchard, at Tyler, John C. Criser, at Churchville; Miss Elsie Dunlap and George E. Stoumeyer, at Lone Fountain; Miss Lula A. Clemmer and Mr. J. P. Warner, at Summers. There was also a double wedding at Ashbury Chapel, the couples being Miss Gertrude Parish and Mr. E. L. Edwards, and Miss Mary S. B. Edwards and Mr. Edward Talley.

Miss Mary Knightly has received a very handsome rug from her brother, Mr. John Knightly, which was now in the hands of a bear hide shot by Mr. Knightly near Yellow Stone Park. It is five feet long and four and a half wide and is in a perfect condition.

WEST POINT, VA.

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WEST POINT, VA., Dec. 24.—Dr. A. F. Hargrave, of the West Point Pharmacy, fell from a stool a day or two ago and hurt himself badly, cutting his face and head. He is confined to his bed. Mr. Sidney Beay, at one time his clerk, now a student at the Medical College in Richmond, is taking Dr. Hargrave's place for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. James Denmond, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Emma Denmond, left last week for Washington, D. C., where on Wednesday Miss Emma became the bride of Mr. J. H. Leath. Mrs. Leath was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leath.

The Baptist Sunday school will have its entertainment Thursday at 7:30 P. M. The Methodists will have theirs at 7:30 P. M. A boat belonging to Captain J. L. Mulford was badly injured by the ice last week, and had to lay up in Baltimore for repairs.

Miss Anna Jennings is no better. Miss Crystal Farinholt, who has been so ill at the Memorial Hospital, in Richmond, is very much better and will be home in the near future.

Miss Mary Owens will spend Christmas at Baltimore with Miss Kitty Livingston.

Miss Judith Carter will leave via the Baltimore steamer for her home in the Northern Neck of Virginia to-day.

The Misses Ingalls from Annapolis, Md., are spending Christmas with Miss Annie McConna.

This afternoon the school girls and boys who are studying away from West Point are expected to arrive at the city and Mary Edwards, Olive Gault, Nettie Williams, from Blackstone; Margaret Bagby, from Hollins Institute; Maud Coleman, from Danville, and Mary Coleman, from Farmville. Messrs. Walter Hargrave and Peter Palmer, from Washington and Lee University; Malcolm Jones, from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg; Alvah Hudson and Sidney Bray, from the University College of Medicine, Richmond, are expected to arrive to-morrow.

Mr. Thomas Scott Bagby and wife and son, Thomas Pollard, from Norfolk, are expected to-morrow to spend Christmas.

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social events of the season in Alexandria. Beautifully decorated, and music was furnished by Professor Schroeder's orchestra, of Washington. A collection was served at midnight. About two hundred guests were present, many of them from Richmond. The program was arranged by Professor Schroeder and other cities of the State, and some from Washington, New York and Baltimore. It was the first "favor german" given by the club, and a large number of beautiful and costly souvenirs were distributed among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mason, of Woodlawn, Fairfax county, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at their home last Wednesday.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—Arrangements have been completed for the colonial ball and reception to be given here on the night of Monday, December 26th, which will take the place of the annual Christmas german. It promises to be a very brilliant event, and will be under the auspices of the Betty Washington Lewis Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution. All of the ladies receiving and those dancing will be in colonial costumes. The reception will be held first and the ball will follow.

Mr. Frank B. Guest, of New York, who recently purchased the beautiful estate, "Snowden," near this city, from Mr. Dor Clark, will take possession of his new home Christmas and give a house party to his friends during Christmas week.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Ford, formerly of this city, now of St. Louis. The bride-to-be is a niece of Mrs. Mollie Ford Tankard, of this city.

Miss Bertie S. Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Webb, of Lancaster county, will be married at White Marsh Methodist Church, in that county, on Thursday night, December 29th, to Mr. J. Wilmore Shackelford.

Carls are out for the marriage of Mr. Frank B. Hall and Miss Evelyn Dyke, both of Westmoreland county, the ceremony to take place at Glebe Landing Church on Tuesday, December 27th.

Mr. Otis E. Wilson and Miss Mildred G. Douglas, both of Middleburg, will be married at Ebenezer Methodist Church, in that county, on Tuesday night, December 27th.

Miss Jeanette Fitzhugh has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. John Daniel, in Washington.

Mr. E. D. Cole and daughter, Miss Alice Cole, have returned from an extended visit to Washington.

Mr. W. G. Hart and daughter, Miss Minnie Hart, of Fauquier county, are visiting Mr. Ferdinand Hart and family here.

WYTHEVILLE, VA.

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WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 24.—E. Wythe continues to improve. His daughter, Mrs. G. Woodville Smith, of Lynchburg, and son, R. E. Withers, Jr., of Pittsburgh, have returned to their homes.

Mr. Joe Kent, of Montana, is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Virginia P. Kent, on High Street.

Mr. Robert Williams, of Washington and Lee University, is spending the holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Samuel W. Williams.

Mrs. Harry Hodge and little daughter, Miss Alice Carter, of Evansville, Ind., is spending some time at "Ingleside."

Mrs. W. B. Trinkle is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Koenner, in Chattanooga.

CHATHAM CHAT.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., December 24.—S. Rogers and Edward Meadows, of Pittsylvania county, recently lost each a small child from cramp. The children lived only a few days after contracting the disease.

Several houses were filled with ice from two to five inches thick this week.

The Rawley Martin Chapter, U. D. C., were very delightfully entertained at a chafing dish party by the president, Mrs. James Carter, on Monday at her home on Main Street.

The Episcopal Institute closed Thursday for the holidays.

Mr. R. L. Stith, dental student at Virginia Medical College, is at home for the holidays.

Marshall Vaden, of Fork Union Academy, arrived this week to spend the holidays at his home here.

FRONT ROYAL, VA.

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FRONT ROYAL, VA., Dec. 24.—Messrs. B. M. and R. C. Tallaferro, of New York, are guests of Captain T. A. Buck at the Afton Inn.

Garland Hansbrough returned to his home in Winchester this week, after a pleasant visit to his uncle, Dr. M. F. Hansbrough, of this place.

John H. Downing and Warren J. Davis, of the University of Virginia, are at home for the holidays.

Wilbur F. Trout is at home here for the holidays.

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